

Notice of Allowability

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10/050,553

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/11/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12 and 14-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The closest prior art Haseltine et al U.S. Pat. No. 6,578,015 discloses a computer-implemented method/system for presenting an electronic bill from a biller to a customer over a computer network.

JP02004024896A Kato, Nobuyuki discloses a bill collection system which determines charges for goods.

IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin discloses a telephone call connection monitor for a telephone billing system.

However, neither Haseltine nor Kato and IBM Technical disclosure Bulletin singularly or in combination fail to anticipate or render obvious the recited feature:

As per claims 1 and 11 "a requested contents notice unit which transmits to each of the users via the network, the corresponding requested contents and a payment execution information including an address of the notice information management unit to which a paying instruction regarding the corresponding requested contents is to be sent, and a settlement unit which makes a real-time settlement of the network when there is an access by one of the plurality of users to the paying address notified by the requested contents notice unit and the paying instruction regarding the corresponding requested contents from the one user is received".

As per claim 10 "a computer controlling said charge collecting system so as to cause said system to perform: a requested contents notice step for transmitting to each of the users by email via the network, the corresponding requested contents managed in the

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notice information management step and a payment execution information including a paying address to which a paying instruction regarding the corresponding requested contents is to be sent, and a settlement step for making real-time settlement on the network when there is an access by one of the plurality of users to the paying address notified in the requested contents notice step and the paying instruction regarding the corresponding requested contents from the one user is received .

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. Please amend claim 10 as follow:

Claim 10, line 1, after "A computer program" add --- encoded on a computer readable medium--.

Confirmed by Phillip G. Avruch Reg. No. 46,076

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571 272 6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571 273 8300.

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